

## HR 1038

Enhancing Administrative Reviews for Broadband Deployment Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. (Mar 18, 2021)

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### Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 18, 2021
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 15, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3370	Related bill	<b>Jul 13, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.

## **Enhancing Administrative Reviews for Broadband Deployment Act**

This bill directs the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to report to Congress on communications use authorizations (i.e., authorizations to modify or locate communications facilities on public lands).

Specifically, Interior and USDA must (1) provide an assessment on programmatic or administrative barriers to reviewing communications use authorizations, (2) provide an assessment of whether there are rules or regulations that could be revised to improve the efficiency of reviewing communications use authorizations, (3) describe the process for prioritizing the review of communications use authorizations, and (4) provide a plan to ensure adequate staffing to review communications use authorizations in a timely manner.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 18, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **Mar 15, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
- **Feb 15, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 15, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.